

8 May 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 30 April 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Cutler, Mr. Dulles, Dr. FitzGerald, Adm. Foster,
Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr, Mr. Herter, Mr. Scribner,
Mr. Sprague, Mr. Staats

1. Hardtack Tests

The planned move of parts of the Hardtack test series from Eniwetok to Johnston Island, which was gone into at the 9 April meeting, was discussed again. It was agreed that some sort of announcement of this shift would have to be made, but that it should be played in as low a key as possible. Adm. Foster said that an earlier draft of a proposed release has now been reworked.

2. Antarctica

There was further discussion regarding the public announcement of the efforts the U.S. has made to achieve agreement on an Antarctic condominium. It was unanimously agreed that the time has come for us to take immediate action to achieve whatever propaganda benefit there might be in such an announcement. Mr. Herter said that he would instruct appropriate State officials to proceed with a draft of a statement, which would probably be made by the President.

3. Visit of Soviet Air Marshal Vershinin

The results of the special OCB meeting of 29 April, which dealt with the matter of an invitation to Air Marshal Vershinin to visit this country, were reported. It was stated that the group had agreed

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that the invitation to this official should be of a routine nature, and as little fanfare as possible should surround his visit. It had been agreed that, although the recommendation of Ambassador Thompson had merit, overriding considerations indicated that the visit should not be timed to coincide with Armed Forces Day or any similar celebration. On balance it appears best to delay the invitation for some weeks or months.

4. Polish Floods

Mr. Harr suggested that certain drug manufacturers might be asked officially to contribute medicines to Poland for use in alleviating the effects of the recent floods there. Messrs. Herter and Dulles advised against putting any official government pressure of this kind on private firms.

but agreed that a letter might be sent by Mr. Harr to the International Commission for the Relief of Poland which they could then

5. Boeing 707

Mr. Herter reported on his recent conversation with Juan Trippe, in which he had suggested to the latter that Pan American arrange to have its Boeing 707 airplane fly to Belgium during the International Exposition. Trippe had said that PAA would be willing to consider such a trip, if it were believed to be in the national interest; however, the airplane has not yet been granted safety clearance by the Civil Aeronautics Board. He said that should the certification come through in time they would be glad to consider the matter further.


6. "Quantico Group"

With further reference to the suggestion that a "Quantico Group" be re-established in possible preparation for a Summit Meeting (as discussed at the 16 April meeting), Mr. Herter said he had talked this matter over with the Secretary of State. The latter had said he had no objection to convening such a group, provided that it were a small one and that a highly-qualified official from the Department of State be assigned to monitor the progress of the group.

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7. Possible Soviet Actions in Connection with May Day

The DCI gave a report on certain actions which it is believed the Soviets are capable of taking in connection with their impending May Day celebration. He dealt primarily with possible developments in the scientific field.



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